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LETTER DATED 2 JUNE 1995 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF URUGUAY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you, as President of the Security Council for the month of June, the attached press release issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay concerning the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have this note circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Consistent with Uruguay's past and present firm support of United Nations action to maintain international peace and security, as evidenced by active Uruguayan participation in various operations in a number of different countries, the Government of the Republic strongly condemns the taking of United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) soldiers as hostages by Bosnian Serb contingents.

This unacceptable practice is not only a violation of the Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War of 12 August 1949, but is also forcing the international community to seek means and adopt consistent measures to enable United Nations missions in general, and UNPROFOR in particular, duly to fulfil their commitments.

The cause of peace requires a multilateral, concerted and clear will to ensure that United Nations forces have a precise, effective definition of their missions, are provided with all possible guarantees and have the respect of the parties to the conflict.